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Wet and windy weekend for climate conference.

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We're seeing a change as we head into the weekend with some fairly typical wet and blustery November weather for many.

Northern Scotland will see the strongest winds and heaviest rain, however, Glasgow, where the COP26 climate conference is underway, does not escape the unsettled weather.

Bonfire Night

It will be mostly dry across the UK as a whole for Friday evening, but cloudier the further north you go. A few spots rain are expected over higher ground in parts of Wales, north west England, Western Scotland, and Northern Ireland.

Weekend

A low-pressure system passing passing to the north of the UK will bring thickening cloud, heavy rain and strengthening winds to Scotland and Northern Ireland as we go through Saturday. 40 to 50mm of rainfall is expected across parts of the West Highlands, with 20 to 30mm over hills and mountains in Northern Ireland, northern England and Wales as the weather front sinks south.

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Met Office Chief Meteorologist, Dan Suri, said; "The strongest winds will be seen around the coasts of northern Scotland and a yellow wind warning is in place from 8pm Saturday until 5pm Sunday.

“Away from the warning area across Scotland and northern England the weather will be blustery with heavy rain easing as it moves southwards. Heavy rain is expected in Glasgow until the early afternoon when brighter conditions develop, albeit with some showers. Turning windier through Saturday too with gusts reaching 40 to 50 mph during the afternoon and evening onwards into Saturday night. However, the city will be drier on Sunday, still blustery but drier with some sunny spells.”

The weekend will be largely dry with sunny spells for much of southern England and slightly milder on Saturday at 13 to 14C but then cooler feel on Sunday at 11C or so.

Looking ahead into next week the unsettled weather picture continues mainly for northern England and Scotland with further spells of wet and windy weather at times. These will slowly spread southwards and weaken through Tuesday and into Wednesday. Conditions generally drier in the south with temperatures around then becoming above normal for the time of year.

There has been some speculation around the impact, if any, Tropical Storm Wanda may have on the weather here in the UK. Tropical Storm Wanda is currently over the mid-Atlantic Ocean and will move north eastwards during the course of the weekend.

On Sunday night Wanda is expected to weaken and be downgraded to a non-tropical feature, and what is left of this storm will become embedded within a larger Atlantic frontal zone. This frontal zone moves across the UK on Tuesday and Wednesday.

This Atlantic frontal system is not expected to have too great an impact on UK weather but could lead to some of rainfall in some places, and potentially some weather warnings, although the timing and track of the system is still uncertain.

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